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Contract Announcement

MARINE CONSERVATION PLANNER

Background:

Nanwakolas Council Society is a regional organization on central Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada that supports its six member First Nations: Mamalilikulla, Tlowitsis, Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, and K'ómoks. These Nations each hold responsibility for the stewardship of Aweenak'ola, which means "the lands we are on," within their traditional areas on North Vancouver Island and the mainland coast of what is now British Columbia.

Through the Nanwakolas Council, the member Nations come together to make decisions on matters in which they share common interests. Using the powerful collective voice of Nanwakolas Council, they unite to uphold their Aboriginal rights and title. The Council engages with governments, industry, and partners of the member Nations to protect the rights of the Nations, and to ensure they are honoured and respected.

Nanwakolas provides the member Nations with information services, technical support, coordination, and advice to assist them in their decision-making and work. That work includes reviewing applications for provincial tenures and permits referred to the member Nations for their decision and watching over their territories through the Ha-ma-yas Stewardship Network.

Description:

The Nanwakolas Council is currently seeking a **Marine Conservation Planner** to join our Land & Marine Resource Management team. Under the general direction of the Executive Director, the Marine Conservation Planner will be responsible for developing comprehensive marine management plans for the member Nations and provide support to the Nation's in realizing their marine management goals.

Primary Responsibilities:

Working within the Land and Marine Resource Management team, and with each member Nation, the Marine Conservation Planner will:

- Develop and or update Nation marine plans,
- Contribute to the amendment of the North Vancouver Island Marine Plan through the Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) process,
- Undertake preparation of management plans for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs), including joint management plans,
- Support in other planning, research and decision-making initiatives and processes as necessary.

Qualifications, Skills, and Competencies:

- A Graduate degree in natural resource management, planning or other related field and a minimum of 5 years of planning experience,
- Knowledge of Nanwakolas marine planning and plan implementation processes,
- Familiarity with Canada's MPA network and knowledge of marine protection tools available under Indigenous, provincial and federal laws and authorities,

- Previous positive experiences working with First Nations,
- Excellent oral and written skills, including report writing, analytical and information synthesis,
- Ability to organize and manage own workload under limited direction while also working within a team,
- Ability to adapt to changing priorities and competing demands as needed,
- Organized and personable, with an ability to actively listen and practice creative problem solving,
- Preference will be given to applicants who are located on Vancouver Island, with easy travel access to the Campbell River office of Nanwakolas Council,
- Ability and willingness to participate in field visits within the territories of the member Nations.

Employment Conditions:

- The position is that of an independent contractor who is expected to work from their own office and to provide the equipment necessary to conduct the work including a computer, necessary software, reliable internet, and phone access,
- The contract term is for one year with the possibility of extension subject to continuation of funding,
- Contract amount is between \$90,000 to \$100,000 depending on experience, with an additional travel allowance.

To Apply

Submit resume and cover letter via email to: ericaroberts@nanwakolas.com.